

Amendments to the Claims:

1-53. (cancelled)

54. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9,
- (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9 lacking its

associated signal sequence,

(c) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:8,

(d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8, or

(e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209265.

55. (previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 54.

56. (previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 55.

57. (previously presented) The host cell of Claim 56 which is a CHO cell, an *E. Coli*, a yeast cell or a Baculovirus-infected insect cell.

58. (previously presented) A process for producing a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9 comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 56 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.

59-63. (cancelled)